

### ANTI-STRIKE LAW URGED BY BICKETT

#### Day of Club and Fire and Sword Now Past—Employees and Em- ployers Must Take Dispute To Courts, Says Former Governor

Columbia, June 9.—The cultivation of the community or mass conscience the forcing of all disputes of govern-ments, organizations and individuals into the courts and the enactment of national labor laws to prevent both walkout and lockouts in industry were advocated by Thomas Walter Bickett, former governor of North Carolina, speaking on "Mass Con-science" at the graduating exercises of the 116th commencement of the University of South Carolina yester-day morning.

"The peculiar obligation of the 20th century," Governor Bickett said "is to produce a just community. Ours is the task to make the public conscience as sensitive as that of the individual. A mob will lynch a pris-oner when no man in it would com-mit murder. The sense of personal responsibility is lost in the crowd. Likewise, men banded together in corporations, in communities and in states absolve themselves of all in-dividual responsibility for the con-duct of the aggregation. They think of the corporation, of the community of the state as an entity entirely separate and distinct from them-selves. The time now demand, how-ever, that there be driven into the hearts of men the truth that if a corporation commits grand larceny, every officer and director in it is a petty thief and every stockholder a receiver of stolen goods. If one na-tion makes war upon another in the absence of a supreme necessity all the citizens of that nation are guilty of manslaughter. Today the whole world has through agony and bloody sweat been driven to the conviction that the great command, "Thou shalt not kill," is as binding on the con-science of a nation as that of an in-dividual."

**Day of Force Now Past.**  
Long ago, Governor Bickett pointed out, governments decreed that in-dividuals should not settle their dif-ferences by an appeal to "blood and iron. The people have learned this lesson well," he said. "They have become enamoured of the principle and today the mass conscience is de-manding that governments shall be as careful of human life as they re-quire individuals to be." The very existence of civilization. Governor Bickett, contended, depends upon the universal acceptance of two basic principles; that governments as well as men shall come into court and that no man or group of men has any rights, the assertion of which would be fatal to the peace and hap-piness of all the people.

"Congress," Governor Bickett continued, "owes it as a debt of honor to the American soldier to enact a law that will absolutely guarantee to the people the constant and efficient operation of all public utilities engaged in interstate com-merce. Of course any such law would of necessity provide a tri-bunal of the people to hear griev-ances and if necessary, to fix wages but all men engaged in operating such utilities, whether employers or employees, must be made to under-stand that they are the servants of the people, that they can trust the people to deal fairly with them and that they cannot come before the tri-bunal of the people with a plea for justice in one hand and a six shooter in the other.

**On Level With Fists.**  
"Walkouts and lookouts are on a dead level with fists and clubs and fire and sword, and unless we can devise some saner method of ad-justing industrial disputes that men-ace the lives of the people, our civ-ilization will collapse and we will hark back to the law of the jungle and let him take who has the power and let him keep who can."

The enactment of such labor leg-islation as he suggests, Governor Bickett said, would naturally excite the shouters of personal liberty. "Alas," he exclaimed, "how many crimes have been committed in that name! The whole social fabric is built up on the principles that a man may not so use his liberty as to in-jure or destroy his neighbor. And whether or not one is so using his personal liberty is for the commu-nity not for oneself, do decide.

"Water, heat, lights and means of communication and transportation

### PRAY TO VIRGIN IMAGE FOR RAIN IN MEXICO

Mexico City, June 9.—The image of the Virgin de los Remedios was re-moved last night from the small vil-lage of Los Remedios, near this city, to the cathedral here, where it will be exposed for several days while devotions are held to end the drought, which has reached serious proportions.

Thousands of persons followed the image to the cathedral, where a solemn ceremony was held, presided over by the Archbishop of Mexico. This is the first time that the image has been removed in many years.

Mexico City is threatened with the closing down of the lighting system. The impounding dams at Necaxa contain water sufficient for only a few more weeks. The city has been on a water ration for some time, and there is much illness.

The Virgin de los Remedios is a small wooden image carved about twelve inches high, evidently carved with a dull penknife. The carving be-speaks the work of the Indian. The statue is reversed as the Goddess of Water.

A large part of the world's long staple cotton goes into automobiles casings.

### NOTICE OF ROAD LETTING.

State of South Carolina,  
County of Abbeville.

Notice is hereby given that the Highway Commissioners of Abbeville County will receive sealed bids until 12 o'clock noon, on Thursday, June 23rd, 1921, for the construction of a top soil road beginning at a point on the Abbeville-Antreville road, in said county, near Crawfords store and thence, following the sur-vey of the county engineer, via Lowndesville to the line of Abbeville and Anderson counties near Barnes Station, a distance of approximately fifteen miles.

The work will consist of the nec-essary clearing and grubbing, exca-vation, top soil surfacing, the fur-nishing and installation of culvert pipe and head walls, and such other work as may be necessary for the completion of the road according to the plans and specification of the county engineer.

Bidders are expected to look the work over for their own information prior to the letting. Bids on clear-ing and grubbing will be by lump sum, other work by unit prices. The prescribed form of bid will be used.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check of \$500.00 payable to the order of J. S. Stark, Chair-man, as a guarantee of good faith that the bidder, if awarded the con-tract, will within ten days thereaf-ter enter into written contract and execute satisfactory bond in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars for the per-formance of the same. Checks of un-successful bidders will be returned.

Bidders must satisfy the Commis-sion of their ability financially and otherwise to push the work to a suc-cessful conclusion, to which end references are requested.

Bids should be filed with L. W. Keller, Sec'y., at the office of Coun-ty Supervisor on or before the above named date.

Information as to the work will be furnished by H. B. Humbert, County Engineer.

The right is explicitly reserved to reject any or all bids.

Done at Abbeville, S. C. by order of the Commission, this 6th day of June, A. D. 1921.

Attest:  
J. S. STARK,  
Chairman.  
L. W. KELLER,  
Secretary.  
3t-1tw June 8th-15th- and 22nd.

are essential not only to the wel-fare and happiness, but to the very life of the people. It follows as the night the day that the people of the United States have an indestruc-tible right to utilities that will sure-ly provide these necessities. If a group of financial magnates, or in-dustrial magnates or labor magnates singly or combined, have the power to tie up the business of the nation and ultimately starve and freeze the people into submission to their will then the government of the people has already perished from the United States.

"The mass conscience of mankind has rendered definite decision in fa-vor of the court and against the club!"

### THE MAYESVILLE PIKE

The Mayesville Pike was one of the historic roads of the United States and extended from Maysville, Ken-tucky, on the Ohio River, to Lexing-ton, Kentucky. Over this road travel-led many of the pioneers who settled Kentucky and States further South. They came not only down the Ohio River in flatboats landing at Mays-ville, but also travelled along Zanes-Trace from Zanesville, Ohio, to Ab-erdeen, Ohio, thence across the Ohio River to Maysville. There is stand-ing within the town limits of Mays-ville an old metal mile post with the names Zanesville, Ohio; Lexington, Kentucky; Nashville, Tennessee and Florence, Alabama, inscribed on it.

In 1828 Andrew M. January, rode horseback from Maysville to Lexing-ton and raised enough money to have a survey made for a turnpike. This survey was made and the Mays-ville and Lexington turnpike was built, the first macademized road west of the Alleghany Mountains. This was a famous road before the coming of the railroads. Two Pres-idents of the United States—Andrew Jackson and James K. Polk—travel-led over this road to Washington.

### COMET THIS MONTH WILL MISS EARTH TEN MILLION MILES

Cambridge, Mass., June 7.—Win-necke's comet, the expected approach of which to the earth this month has caused much comment, will probably not come within ten millions miles of us, according to information receiv-ed at the Harvard College Observa-tory from astronomers in various parts of the world who are studying its motion closely.

The comet will make its nearest approach to the sun on June 13, and will be at its brightest at about the same time. It is doubtful, however, whether it will be visible to the naked eye as it will be of approximately the sixth magnitude.

Several astronomers predict a me-teoric shower on June 27, as a re-sult of the comet's approach.

Louis Phillippis, King of France, in his journey to Bardstown, Ken-tucky, where he spent part of his time while in exile, passed along this great highway.

This road is still a great thorough-fare, although parts of it are not kept in first class condition.

### BREMEN GETS COTTON

Washington, June 9.—Cotton ar-riving at Bremen during the first quarter of the year totalled 360,000 bales as against 40,000 bales during the first three months of 1920, ac-

cording to advice to the commerce department today. The cotton arriv-ing this year, the advices said, con-sists for the most part of cotton al-ready old and contracted for during the fall months.

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